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The Long Arm of the Few Agencies Escap

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The CIA has "thousands" of contacts throughout government service who occasionally perform secret tasks for the spy agency, a retired colonel who used to be the CIA's man in the Air Force said yesterday.

L. Fletcher Prouty said the dual role of most of these contacts is known to the heads of their departments although fellow workers probably are unaware of their connection with the CIA.

Prouty said he had been informed that the CIA contact in the Nixon White House was Alexander Butterfield, the man who two years ago revealed the existence of former President Richard M. Nixon's secret taping system.

PROUTY SAID he assumed that Nixon knew of Butterfield's CIA activities. In any event, Prouty added, the job of a contact is not to spy on his boss or fellow workers but to serve as the person the CIA goes to when it needs help from another government agency.

Butterfield's wife, the Ford White House and the CIA all denied that Butterfield had any links with the CIA. Butterfield could not be reached for comment.

Sen. Howard Baker, R-Tenn., a member of the Senate select intelligence committee, said he had heard reports from sources other than Prouty that Butterfield had CIA connections. But Baker said he has been

unable to confirm those rumors.

Meanwhile, the National Council of Scientology Ministers called for the dismissal of Dr. Theodore Marrs from his post as deputy assistant to President Ford for public liaison, a job that makes him the White House link to groups ranging from churches to bicentennial organizations. The council said Marrs had a "30 year history of activity within the CIA."

In a telephone interview, Marrs, a physician, said he served as a medical officer for Cubans during training for the Bay of Pigs invasion. Marrs said that was his only association with the CIA. He said the White House was aware of the matter at the time he was hired.

ASKED if he was the CIA's man at the White House, Marrs said, "No, I am not it."

Prouty, the author of a book on the CIA called "The Secret Team," said he served as CIA contact for the Air Force and later for the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The 57-year-old former officer is now a public relations official for Amtrak.

He said when he was with the Joint Chiefs of Staff in the early 1960s, the Army's CIA contact was Alexander M. Haig Jr., who later served as Nixon's White House chief of staff and is now NATO commander.

Prouty said he did not know if Haig retained his relations with the CIA after he became Nixon's chief aide.

In explaining the duties of a CIA contact, Prouty said that in his Air Force

role, he arranged cover for some ties. This once flying two Cubans to Havana for an attempt on the life of Premier Fidel Castro.

THE CONTACT with the Customs Bureau might make sure a defector from a Communist country would have no trouble clearing customs, Prouty added.

He said the contact is not required to file reports with the CIA although he said some may do so on their own.

There are thousands of such contacts in both military and civilian jobs, he said. In the Army, Prouty said, there are 605 units which provide support to the CIA. Some CIA agents are assigned to these units along with regular Army personnel.

Prouty related that he once mentioned the number of units in a briefing for then Army Chief of Staff Lyman Lemnitzer. He said Lemnitzer expressed surprise at the figure.

"He didn't realize that the CIA had run away with itself to the point that there were 605 units," Prouty said.

Senate and House intelligence investigators began looking into the CIA's relations with the rest of the government after two members of the House intelligence committee said their staff had developed evidence pointing to a surreptitious infiltration of CIA agents into the White House and other government offices.

IN AN EFFORT to refute the charges of "penetration," the CIA's supporters lifted the cover of secrecy from the agency's normal operations with other de-

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many years the CIA has detailed employees to the immediate office of the White House and to components associated with the office of the President such as the Council on International Economic Policy and the PFIAB (President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board).

The detailed employees included several at the Treasury, at least one in a senior post at the Agency for International Development and a clerk-typist who worked for Peter G. Peterson in both of his government jobs — Nixon's foreign trade adviser and Commerce Secretary.

JOHN R. BARTELS JR. who resigned May 30 after heading the Drug Enforcement Administration since its creation in July 1973, said in an interview that he had learned that 13 CIA-trained agents were on the DEA payroll about two weeks after taking over his job.

He said they received a brief period of training by the CIA in how to detect internal corruption before going through the drug agency's own recruit training. After being sworn in, he said, they were used as undercover agents within the organization to try to find possible corruption.

Bartels said he ordered a stop to the internal undercover operation because it posed the danger that the careers of DEA agents might be damaged without

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